

EXHIBIT "A"

Rule 121 Marked Claims

8. **(Amended)** The system of Claim 7, further comprising at least one optical beam dump positioned with respect to said at least one optical isolation assembly in order to absorb reflected laser light feedback isolated by the optical isolation assembly.

22. **(Amended)** The method of Claim 20, wherein said step of modulating said first laser beam comprises:

modulating said first laser beam with an electro-optic phase modulator; and
using a controller to drive the electro-optic phase modulator to produce said time-dependent pulse profile[;].

23. **(Amended)** The method of Claim ~~[23]~~22, wherein said controller drives said modulator to produce a profile for said time-dependent pulse profile selected from the group consisting of:

a gaussian or lorentzian pulse shape;
a flat profile with a linear ramp pulse shape; and
an exponential gain pulse shape.